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Dear Clarke:

Having definitely  
dated "Appleton, as Sept 30,  
1882, I am interested in the  
other dates. Meadowcroft writes  
me, May 1, as follows:

"As to the second central  
station, I talked again with  
Mr. Edison about it, and he  
still considers Sunbury as  
the real second central station  
as it had the three wire  
system, meters and other  
(then) modern improvements."

But Sunbury was not



started until July 4, 1883.

I have just dug up a list  
issued by the old parent Edison  
Co. in 1887 giving 103 stations  
all numbered. The first eight  
come thus: New York, Roselle,  
Lawrence, Brockton, Shamokin,  
Sunbury, Fall River, Newburgh,  
in the order named. Appleton  
is only 17<sup>th</sup> on the list, which  
may hence be "mere foolishness"  
but it certainly "intrigues" me.  
Shake it Edison's definitions  
must stand?

Yours truly  
L. A. Watkins

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Schenck